

WAC 296-307-63825 Make sure third-party hearing loss prevention programs meet the following requirements.

IMPORTANT:

Third-party hearing loss prevention programs are intended:

- For short-term employees hired or assigned to duties having noise exposures **for less than one year**

AND

- For seasonal employees.

However, other employees may be included as long as you meet all requirements for hearing loss follow-ups and recordkeeping.

You must:

- Make sure that the third-party program is:
 - Equivalent to an employer program as required by this part

AND

- Uses audiometric testing to evaluate hearing loss.
 - Make sure a licensed or certified audiologist, otolaryngologist, or other qualified physician administers the third-party program
 - Make sure the third-party program has written procedures for:
 - Communicating with participating employers of program requirements
 - Follow-up procedures for detected hearing loss
 - Annual review of participating employer programs.
 - Make sure the following program elements are corrected by you or the third-party program when deficiencies are found:
 - Noise exposures
 - Hearing protection
 - Employee training
 - Noise controls.
 - Obtain a review of your hearing loss prevention program at least once per year, conducted by the third-party program administrator or their representative, in order to:
 - Identify any tasks needing a revised selection of hearing protection
- AND**
- Provide an overall assessment of the employers' hearing loss prevention activities.

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